

Entering the holiday season, signals year-end activity at businesses and the Town as well. We are finalizing reports for 2005 activity and preparing for 2006. December is a very busy month for everyone, please be mindful of extra time to travel in winter weather conditions. Careful attention to road conditions will ensure your safe arrival at your destination.

Town Clerk:

The 2006 Town & County Tax Bills will be mailed out at the end of December. This payment is due without penalty by January 31st. There is a 1% and 2% penalty for the months of February and March respectively. After March 31st all unpaid bills are returned to the Genesee County Treasurer's Office for collection.

Please Note: If you received a tax bill that should have gone to an escrow account, please notify the holder of your mortgage account. If you have not received your tax bill by the first part of January, please contact this office immediately so that a duplicate tax bill can be mailed out to you, as it is the homeowner's responsibility. Any questions, please call the Town Clerk at 768-6910 ext. 229

Transfer Station will be open on December 24 and December 31 at alternate hours. On these days preceding a holiday the hours of operation are 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM both days. We thank dedicated staff for recognizing the need of the community and scheduling to accommodate the need. Other Saturdays through the year hours of operation are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Punch cards are available from Town Clerk during her regular business hours, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at Town Hall. Punch Cards are sold in denominations of \$15.00 and \$30.00. Please be aware that Town Hall is closed for Christmas Holiday on December 23rd and 26th. Plan ahead for your Transfer Station Punch Card purchase prior to the 23rd.

Highway Superintendent:

Winter is here, please start planning additional driving time, planning for emergencies on the road, reduced speeds and increased braking distances. During a normal snow event it takes 3 ½ to 4 hours to complete one snow removal pass in our community. It is possible that you may encounter less than pleasant driving conditions at times. All efforts are made to ensure your safety on the roads as humanly possible. You need to do your part by driving as conditions allow, together we will all have a successful winter season.

As a reminder, if your mailbox is damaged by our snowplows we will replace it as soon as time and weather permits.

Genesee County Highway Superintendents Association has requested additional enforcement of driveway snow plowers and snow blowers that deposit snow in the right of way to warn and if necessary to cite offenders for this activity. Please take extra few minutes time to clean up snow that should not find its way into the road and streets.

Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer:

As officer is often asked what construction would trigger a building permit, here is a list, however if you are unsure, please contact me at 768-6910 ext. 223

1. Any above grade structure in LeRoy
2. Sheds in LeRoy (Temporary building refers to the time a building will be in place, **not** whether the building is on permanent foundation)
3. Any remodeling or rebuilding that alters building structure, i.e.
 - Door frames
 - Window sizes
 - Exit ways
 - Complete roof rebuilds
 - (not a complete list)
- 4 .Pools of greater than 100 gallon capacity
5. Signs
6. Other construction as specified by board or uses as in:
 - Special Use Permit
 - Zoning Board of Appeals Permit
 - Town Board Special Permit

This list is not all-inclusive, most common reasons are included. All residential projects exceeding \$25,000.00 in cost or having structural issues also requires stamped plans. All permits are specific to the project to which they are issued. If you have a question about whether or not you need a permit, please call. Most all contractors in our community are very good about obtaining permits for the projects they work on. It is nice to have the great working relationship with these local businesses.

Commercial building requires NYS licensed design professional stamped and signed plans.

Wednesday community tours for code and zoning enforcement have proven to be positive. Property owners are very accepting of a pro-active approach to finding ways to be in compliance with our community standards as set forth by LeRoy Code and Zoning regulations. Thank you.

Assessor:

Hectic time for the Assessor office begins now! Top priority is to get everyone his or her exemption or renewal. Already mailed are the Agricultural exemptions, Aged STAR and Enhanced STAR for those who elected not to do automatic renewals. Due to the increase in postage of first class mail on January 1, 2006, these exemption forms were mailed now. Here is some basic exemption information that could be helpful to you:

1. **All exemption renewals are due to Assessor by March 1st, no exceptions.**
2. You are welcomed to come in now and renew exemptions. Assessor hours are Mon-Fri 9:00 AM – 3:30PM. Please call ahead to ensure I am in the office and not out reviewing property. 768-6910 ext 221
3. Enhanced STAR and Aged STAR requires your 2004 tax return for verification.

4. To receive Enhanced STAR exemption you must turn 65 years old in 2006. You do not need to be 65 years of age to apply for Enhanced STAR. Many people lose out on this available exemption due to not being 65 years of age. Enhanced STAR is there to be used and those deserving should take advantage of it.
5. Basic STAR exemption is available to all folks who own their own home and it is their primary residence.
6. If you have any questions, please call me. If you need to leave a message, please do so, I will call you back.

Other community news:

Congratulations to the LeRoy Pantry and Help Fund for being able to provide for so many area families this year. The increased donations enable the Pantry to offer more assistance to families in need. Thanks to the Firemen who help in the distribution of the Christmas package delivery.

Congratulations to the LeRoy Business Council for the lovely Parade of Lights on December 2nd. This activity requires volunteer labor and time, thank you to the volunteers who continue to provide community activity that celebrates seasonal holidays.

Water Extension #8 portions of Randall and Keeney Roads have been selected for USDA Rural Development Funding. We have received a loan/grant notification of \$316,000.00/226,000.00 respectively. The residents of the proposed district now have to decide if this is a special benefit district that they want. We host a meeting on December 8th to hold this discussion. In this economic environment, it is particularly telling of the dire need for public water in this extension by winning federal funding. Congratulations to the property owners and now the work begins as you direct.

Asbury Road Water District Extension #3 has submitted their formal petition exceeding the two required test by over 51% on both. We will be holding a Public Hearing on Water District Extension #3 on December 22, 2005.

We have a request to investigate more property for public water on Asbury Road too. This report will be made available shortly and the results will be shared with those property owners.

A formal petition is being developed for portions of Vallance Road to establish a water district in anticipation of the Genesee County Water Agency building out Phase II of the county project. Significant pieces of the project will be built on Vallance Road.

Reminder: Town Hall and Highway Department will be closed for the following holidays:

December 23 and 26th for Christmas

January 2nd for New Years

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring Board member Phil McBurney for his four years of dedicated, thoughtful and committed service to LeRoy community on Town Board. Phil shared vision and compassion to all through his elected service.

May everyone enjoy the Holiday season with family and friends being safe and warm. Take time to notice those less fortunate than you and offer assistance, as you are able during this season of giving. Seasons Greetings,

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